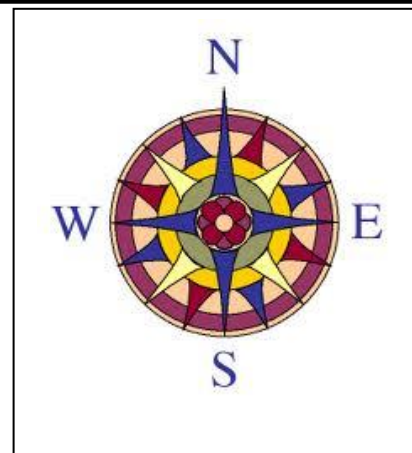




Site 07: Hangars 5, 6, 7 and 8

N 40° 35' 24.24"

W 73° 53' 53.55"



These Northern Hangars hosted a number of famous fliers and their aircraft. Roscoe Turner a self proclaimed Colonel with his waxed mustache and military styled flying suit “wowed” the public, by breaking speed records. Turner, always the attention getter, travelled with his pet Lion cub “Gilmore,” named for the oil company that sponsored his flights was kept safely harnessed in a parachute during flight. The Golden age of Flight at Floyd Bennett Field was heralded by Howard Hughes, whose forward thinking approach to aviation brought changes in aerodynamics and aircraft design. It was in Hangar 8 where it was reported that Katherine Hepburn packed roast beef sandwiches for Hughes’ record breaking around the world flight in 1938. Over 25,000 people came to see Hughes land his plane “New York World’s Fair - 1939” on his return to Floyd Bennett Field. Today, these hangars have been rehabilitated as a recreation center. Inside Aviator Sports and Recreation you can also get a bite to eat, but be sure to check out the facades reproduced above the hangar doors with the original paint scheme and lettering on the interior.

Visit Instructions: When you enter the Aviator Sports facility in the main hallway you will see large images of famous fliers, name two.